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El Paso Natural Gas Company ("El Paso"), Petitioner in Cause No. 83-1442 above, and Tenneco Oil Company ("Tenneco Oil") and Conoco Inc. ("Conoco"), Respondents in all of the above-referenced causes, jointly file this Supplemental Brief pursuant to Sup. Ct. R. 22.6, in order to disclose that a comprehensive settlement agreement has been entered into between El Paso and Tenneco Oil and Conoco. On May 18, 1984, an "Offer of Settlement and Joint Request for Approval of Stipulation of Settlement and Agreement" was filed by these parties with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"). The

settlement agreement reached between El Paso and Tenneco Oil and Conoco, if approved by the FERC and other responsible governmental agencies, constitutes a full and final settlement of all proceedings involving the gas lease agreements covering nearly seventy per cent (70%) of the volumes of gas produced by El Paso that is involved in the cases referenced above.

El Paso, Tenneco Oil and Conoco did not previously inform the Court of the filing of this Offer of Settlement with the FERC because the FERC has not reviewed or acted upon any aspect of the Offer of Settlement. These parties wish to advise the Court of the settlement since it is mentioned in the Reply Memorandum filed by the FERC.

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